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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. Between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on 16 April 1954, no noteworthy observations were made at Rad Voeslau (O 48/33 UWA 9012) airfield because of heavy rain.

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2. Officers and soldiers wearing black-bordered red and black-bordered blue epaulets were observed entering and leaving Voeslau Castle. Trucks occupied by a driver and 15 personnel wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, the latter with a driver wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, sedan van truck and tank truck all of them with drivers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, entered the installation. Female Soviet personnel wearing black-bordered blue epaulets were observed at Villa Dorothea on Haupt Platz.

3. Between 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on 21 April, the following aircraft were observed at the field: 8 MiG-15s, parked in a row from east to west near the hangars, 4 dark-colored Li-2s, 2 Li-2s with Czech nationality markings, 3 biplanes, and 1 high-wing monoplane. Three Li-2s, 3 biplanes and 1 high-wing monoplane practiced flying. There was a 3/10 to 10/10 overcast at an altitude of about 2,000 meters, west-northwesterly wind at about 25 km/h and good visibility. The aircraft involved in flying were parked on or near the hardstand. Occasionally all seven aircraft were aloft at the same time or landed at the same time on the various landing strips. All aircraft took off and landed from east to west. One Li-2 made a local flight of 27 minutes duration flying from west to south. The aircraft took off for another local flight of 8 minutes, 1 minute after landing. Another Li-2 made a local flight of 22 minutes duration flying from west to the north and east. Biplanes made local flights and flights over the town with short intervals. During air activity, no flight control bus or a similar motor vehicle was observed. Just south of the antenna mast with cone-shaped bracing, a long-wire antenna consisting of three parallel wires had been erected. A vertical lead-in extended from the middle of the antenna to a hut underneath.

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[REDACTED] Comment. So far, about 2 Li-2s, 2 A-20s and 2 Aira Cobras were stationed at Bad Voeslau airfield. The eight MiG-15s were observed for the first time. Possibly these aircraft arrived from Wiener Neustadt or Aspern, as on those airfields a lower number of MiG-15s than usually were observed on 19 and 20 April. There is also the possibility that the Soviet shipment to Baden on 25 March was connected with the appearance of MiG-15s at Bad Voeslau. [REDACTED]

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